be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of internal and external debt in the beginning and at the end of Seventh Plan;

(b) what is the debt service ratio at present;

(c) whether the danger of debt trap, both internal and external is real; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to check the drift towards internal and external debt trap?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The amounts of internal and external debt outstanding at the beginning and at the end of Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) are as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Seventh Plan		
	Outstanding at the beginning	Outstanding at the end	
Internal debt	96505	238096	(RE)
External debt (at the prevailing exchange rate) .	35725	80132	(Provisional)

Comprises internal debt and non-marketable quasi borrowings like small savings, provj. dent funds deposits, etc.

(b) The debt service ratio in 1989-90 of external debt as a proportion to exports and gross invisible earnings is estimated at 21.6%.

(c) and (d) No,. Sir. Government has nevertheless taken measures to maximise revenue receipts and contain expenditure growth so as to minimise the dependence on borrowed funds for financing expenditure. The level of country's external debt and the likely burden of its servicing are constantly kept in view to ensure that they remain within prudent limits. To reduce the dependence on external financing a number of steps have been taken to boost exports and increase invisible earnings, contain imports, improve disbursements of committed aid/loans

Performance of export houses

1861. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether majority of the eligible recognised Export Houses nurtured as frontline export agencies by Government have failed as useful foreign exchange earners for the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of these Export Houses together with the last three years' exports in terms of U. S. dollars and rupees; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to achieve competition in exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has taken a series of steps for export promotion. These are designed to make exports commercially viable through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competitive prices, strengthening the infrastructure and simplifying the procedures

Prodaction of saleable steel by the Major steel plants

1862. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of saleable steel by the major steel plants during the last two years, plantwise; and

(b) what specific steps are contemplated to increase the steel production ;

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICES (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Production of saleable Jteel by major steel plants during the last two years is as below:

(Million Tonnes)

SI. No.	Plant	1988-89	1989-90
1			2.594
2	Durgapur Steel Plant	0.832	0.700
3	Rourkela Suel Plant	1.168	1.111
4	Bokaro Steel Plant	.2.227	2.325
5	Total Steel Authority of India	7.261	0.333
			7.063
6	Tata Iron and Steel Company	. 1.900	1.910
	GRANT TOTAL :	9.161	8.973

(b) Among the steps being taken to increase steel production are improved maintenance of equipment, better work culture for enhanced productivity, improvement of the quality of raw material inputs, modernisation with simultaneous increase in capacity of the plants, augmentation of captive power generation and greater observance of technological discipline.

Departmental enquiries pending finalisation in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

1863. SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of departmental or quiries pending finalisation in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) and the dates from which they are pending;

(b) what are the reasons for delay if any in deciding the cases and whether it has been ensured that the charged officials are not harassed by the enquiry officers who take advantage of the enquiries; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure early decisions and remove uncertainties and apprehensions in the minds of the charged officials ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTIES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) 21 departmental enqui-